TOWN OF ROTTERDAM

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Ms. Karen Maples Regional Hearing Clerk U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 290 Broadway, 16th Floor New York, New York 10007-1866

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Reg 2

Re: Formal Request for an Extension of Time to Answer "Notice of Proposed

Assessment of a Civil Penalty Class I Town of Rotterdam Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System ("MS4") Docket No. CWA-02-2016-3309

Dear Ms. Maples:

I am writing to you to formally request a thirty (30) day extension of time, pursuant to 40 C.F.R. 22.7, to file a formal answer in the above referenced proceeding. I am requesting this additional time to review the town's road to compliance with new board members and if they feel it is warranted, submit a formal answer.

I am in receipt of the U.S. EPA's above referenced notice of proposed assessment of civil penalty that arrived in our office here at the town on December 15, 2015. I returned to the office from maternity leave the week of Christmas and have had an opportunity to review the notice, findings of violation, applicable portions of the C.F.R, and SEP policy. Our town board is comprised of five (5) members, three (3) of which took office on January 1, 2016 and are unfamiliar with these proceedings. As a result, I respectfully request this thirty (30) day extension to bring them up to speed, discuss any avenues to recourse they may have and reach a consensus as to the next steps.

I may be reached at (518) 355-7575, extension 322 or via email at kmcguirl@rotterdamny.org. I look forward to your response.

Very truly yours,

Kate McGuirl
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